Subject No. 158.

The mileage rate for post bullocks and carts.

Messrs. Amble Annaiya Pandit, D. Narasimhaiya of Chamrajnagar, and C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The present rates for dak bullocks, *viz.*, 1½ and 3 annas respectively, were fixed long ago, and should be raised to 2 and 4 annas.—(*b*) The convenience of Government officers has been met by an enhancement of the rates of travelling allowance payable to them. In consideration of the present high prices of horse gram and grass, the raiyats in the maidan districts may be allowed four annas a mile for a pair of post bullocks, and two annas a mile for each country cart, those in the malnad districts being allowed six annas a mile for a pair of post bullocks, and two annas a mile for each country cart hired of them by travellers. The existing rates were fixed in the days of the British Commission, when gram was 30 seers the rupee; whereas it is now only 10 seers.

Reply of Government.—This will be looked into.

Subject No. 159.

Extension of period for relinquishment.

Messrs. Ramnarasiah of Mandya Taluk, Amble Annaiya Pandit, Srinivasamurti of Gorur, M. Venkatramaiya of Channarayapatna and Narasinga Rao of Hunsur.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The time within which relinquishments of lands are to be made is fixed to be the end of April. This time would suit well if the official year were to close by the end of March. Now that the official year terminates by the end of June, great hardship is experienced by the relinquishment not being accepted before the payment of the kandayam, which, however, will remain unpaid owing to the change in khists. The period for relinquishment should be altered so as to end with June, or two alternative periods ending with March and June allowed.

Reply of Government.—The present period has been fixed after considering the seasons of cultivation and other conditions peculiar to each district.

Revenue collections.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao.

(*b*) The year should close with December and not with June for the purpose of revenue collection. If default be made in paying up the kandayam in any one of the four khists beginning with February, coercive measures for its recovery should not be adopted before June of that year. The rule should be altered so that the recovery of the entire assessment in a lump should only be resorted to after all the khists expire.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible to alter the present rule.

Subject No. 160.

Maintenance of avenue trees.

Messrs. A. Annaiya Pandit, D. Narasimhaiya of Chamrajnagar and Siddalingamaridevaru of T. Narsipur.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Many of the road-side avenue trees have been indiscriminately lopped, cut or otherwise damaged owing to the laxity of supervision on the part of Revenue officers, which was not the case during the British administration of the State. The Shekdar, the Police and the village officials and servants should be required to pay greater attention to the avenue trees and guard them from being injured.

(*b*) As the road-side avenue trees are not the exclusive property of the raiyats, sometimes the raiyats do not under-